

Groton July 20th 1841.

Dear Home

your "bulletin" of yesterdays date inviting me to the county A.S. meeting at Weymouth on the 22^d, tho' not so terrible, was much more agreeable than the bulletin of Napoleon usually were. I need not say how much pleasure I should experience in visiting our anti-slavery friends - especially those who have been a long time absent, in the satisfaction it would afford me to see your Father mother & sisters, & the least yourself, at your own home. I have a long time desired, & contemplated, attending a meeting of the Norfolk A.S. Soc. but have not as yet found it very convenient. & I must still longer be denied the gratification of my desire. I am arranging affairs to absent myself from home for two or three weeks, & it is hardly possible, on the eve of departure, to go to Weymouth. You know the estimation in which I hold my presence at home, & as long as that estimate, mistaken one perhaps, remains, it often will & must control my movements.

How absurd then is this remark we often hear
that it is no matter what a person believes
provided he acts right, - when his action
will be according to his belief. (So much by
way of digression.) I trust you will have
a very pleasant time - indeed, you can have
no other. I should be glad to see Mr. Slaney - &
I rejoice in Mr. Collins safe arrival. May the
good he effected in England be commensurate
with the anxiety of some of his friends. I
expected Wendell to come home the same man -
he has too much sense to be otherwise. It is
your feels that small & stout are their nature
from abroad. — You may stop here,
provided you have had the patience to go
thus far. I shall now say a word about Groton
matters, & consequently, small matters, which
must not be looked at till the lions have
all left you. There is considerable uneasiness
in Rev. Mr. Wells society. He is too bold on temperance
to suit the mean drinkers. Deacon Parker is in a
high fever. Mr. Slaney has returned without
his wife. Whether he is contemplating a return
to her soon or not I cannot guess. Jenkins &
Foster came here on Saturday last to prevent
Mr. Slaney to go to Andover, & make his abode
there. Perhaps he may go there. The orthodox

Society in Somerville have opened their
Meeting house for him to go to hear him,
their Ministers injunctions to the contrary
notwithstanding. There not much faith in
Unionism, but I am happy to know there
is one Society, as such, that have independence
enough to snap the chain of clerical dictation.
What is the power the Rev. about? I rejoice with
gay unspeakable that he is foiled in his designs
upon the Free Church. Dr. Sears deserves a
gold medal, if, as I am informed, his firmness
saved it from the pit which the clericals had
digged for it.

Yours A. Farnsworth

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St. James's
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